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Mr. Sean Hao
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Dear Mr. Hao:

This letter is a follow-up to the "Acknowledgment to Requester" that was sent to you on September 11, 2009 in response to your August 27, 2009 information request.

1. Information on how much the City has spent on its rapid transit public information campaign since June 30, 2008, broken down by major expense categories.

The City expenditure for Public Involvement from July 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009 was \$3,028,104.00. A breakdown by major expense categories is included in the attached Exhibit A. This represents the latest recap we have to date.

2. The total anticipated costs of putting on the 2009 transit symposium, including costs the City incurred to make it possible for national speakers to appear at the symposium.

The City spent \$46,896.35 to put on the 2009 Honolulu Rail Transit Symposium. Included in that total is \$12,389.42 for airfare and hotel for the 2009 Symposium speakers. Each speaker received a coach airline ticket and three nights of hotel accommodations. The speakers received no per diems, transportation fees or additional speaking fees for appearing. The 2009 Symposium was part of a weeklong public information outreach that included speaking to organizations, media appearances and editorial boards.

The 2009 Symposium had 509 attendees compared to 340 attendees in 2007 (nearly a 50% increase in attendance). The total cost for the 2009 Symposium and weeklong public information outreach was approximately half of what the City had budgeted, which was initially estimated at \$85,000. The biggest expenditure deleted from the budget was paid media.

3. Any general excise and use tax base forecast conducted by Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) since PB updated the forecast model in its March 2009 report to the City.

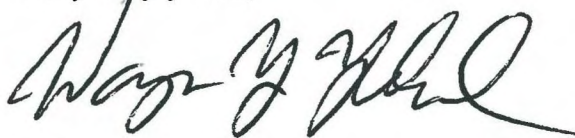
Your request for any general excise and use tax base forecast conducted by Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) since PB updated the forecast model in its March 2009 report to the City is denied in its entirety pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") Section 92F-13(3) (1993) because the legitimate government function of agency decision-making would be frustrated by the disclosure of confidential financial information subject to the deliberative process privilege. See also Office of Information Practices ("OIP") Op. Ltr. No. 04-15 at 5 (In invoking the deliberative process privilege, OIP stated that the Council on Revenues "must be able to ensure that its staff produces future reports uninhibited by fear of public ridicule or criticism and to prevent the confusion of the issues and the misleading of the public that might occur by dissemination of staff prepared forecasts that do not in fact reflect the ultimate basis for the Council's revenue estimates.").

4. A copy of the most recent financial plan for the rapid transit project that has been submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

After consultation with the Department of the Corporation Counsel pursuant to HAR Section 2-71-15(a)(1) to determine whether the record is exempt from disclosure under HRS Chapter 92F, your request for a copy of the most recent financial plan for the rapid transit project that has been submitted to the Federal Transit Administration has been granted. A copy of the most recent financial plan will be sent to you under separate cover within five business days, pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules Section 2-71-13(c)(2). Please be aware that the financial plan is continuously updated as the economic situation changes.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



WAYNE Y. YOSHIOKA
Director

Attachment

Public involvement expenses from July 2008 to July 2009 are:

Community Outreach

Community events, speaker's bureau, Neighborhood Board updates, rail station workshops, 'Olelo community access production, staffing, etc.	\$1,969,417
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Community Outreach Logistics

Venues, logistics	\$53,554
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Printed Materials

Collateral, workshop and community event materials, monthly newsletter printing and postage, etc.	\$738,500
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Meeting and Workshop Announcements

Newspaper notices	\$27,362
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2009 Honolulu Rail Transit Symposium

Materials, collateral, logistics	\$46,896
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Multi-media

Project DVD, website, online outreach	\$192,375
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EXHIBIT A